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SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President. Members of the body, this is the same commission, the State Emergency Response Commission, and this appointee could not be present at the hearing for the other three so we heard this one separately. It's Mark Reimers and he works for Union Pacific Railroad in North Platte and he's been an environmental engineer for 15 years, involved in a variety of environmental projects. He's also a certified hazardous materials manager since 1984, and is a member of the Academy of Certified Hazardous Materials Management's Emergency Response Committee. He's currently the regional manager of emergency response for Union Pacific Railroad, Northern Region. Committee recommends him to you and, with that, I would be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Schimek. For discussion on the confirmation report, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the only comment I want to make is my standard disclaimer that my negative vote has nothing to do with, nor is it designed to be a reflection on, the qualifications of the person to be appointed. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Schimek, you're recognized to close. Senator Schimek waives closing. Question is the adoption of the confirmation report of the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Madam Clerk, please record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Record vote, Legislative Journal page 729.) 31 ayes, 1 may on adoption of the confirmation report, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Confirmation report is agreed to. Madam Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, the next item I have is a confirmation report from the Natural Resources Committee regarding Lee Grove to the Nebraska Ethanol Board.